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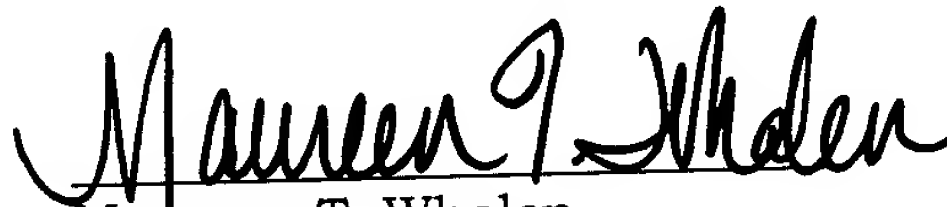
For: SIGNAL TRANSDUCING SYNAPTIC MOLECULES AND USES THEREOF

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel without prejudice claims 33, 36-43, 46, 47, 49-53, 55 and 57-61.

✓ Please amend the claims as follows.

In claim 20, please delete "1 or".

31. (amended) A method for modulating excitatory synapse function in a cell or group of cells, the method comprising administering to the cells a modulation effective amount of a polynucleotide of claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 20] or fragment or derivative thereof.